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TAGS: CENTO OVIP (BAYULKEN, UMIT HALUK)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 59919

1. BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH KAYA TOPERI, CENTO DEP. SEC GEN  
FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS, WE BELIEVE CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL  
BUYULKEN PROBABLY WILL BRING UP FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DURING TALKS  
IN WASHINGTON FIRST WEEK OF APRIL:

A. NEW ECONOMIC PROJECTS. CENTO SHOULD ENGAGE IN NEW  
ECONOMIC REGIONAL PROJECTS, SPECIFICALLY SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES  
AIMED AT THE REGIONAL MARKET. THE USG SHOULD INCREASE ITS  
FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN CENTO BY PROVIDING MONEY FOR THESE  
PROJECTS.

B. BUDGET SQUEEZE. CENTO 1974-75 BUDGET RESTRICTS OPERATION  
OF CENTO SECRETARIAT BY OMITTING SEVERAL TRIPS AND REDUCING  
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND NUMBER OF DAYS OF STAY. (COMMENT:  
BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MADE THESE REDUCTIONS  
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IN FACE OF GREATLY INCREASED AIR TRAVEL COSTS, APPARENT FEATHER

BEDDING OF NUMBER OF PERSONS REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCE TRIPS, SPECIFICALLY STENOGRAPHIC PERSONNEL AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE SALARY INCREASES WITHOUT GREATLY INCREASING SIZE OF OVERALL BUDGET. THERE IS SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR FEELING AMONG SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL THAT THEY HAVE NOT ENOUGH WORK BECAUSE OF TRAVEL REDUCTIONS. WE FRANKLY SEE PART OF THE ANSWER IN THIS IN REDUCTION OF SECRETARIAT STAFF WHICH SHOULD RESULT FROM REORGANIZATION STUDY. SMALLER STAFF WILL RELEASE SALARY FUNDS FOR TRAVEL. BECAUSE OF PAROCHIAL INTERESTS OF REGIONAL COUNTRIES REORGANIZATION IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE EASY OR SPEEDY PROCESS.)

C. CULTURAL PROJECTS. THERE SHOULD BE INCREASED CULTURAL EXCHANGES AMONG THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AT PRESENT. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (PUBLIC RELATIONS) WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A NEW CENTO FILM.

D. US PERSONNEL AT CENTO. THE USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON ASSIGNING WELL-QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO CENTO. (COMMENT: THE SG IS APPARENTLY PLEASED WITH THE PRESENT US OFFICERS AT CENTO, BUT IS CONCERNED THAT PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS TO CENTO NOT BECOME ROUTINE.)

E. POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER. SG WILL PROBABLY EXPLAIN HIS EFFORTS THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH CHIEF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE WITH TGS ON THEIR PRESENT RESERVATIONS TO POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER. (SEE SEPTTEL).

F. CURRENT EVENTS. SG WILL POSSIBLY RAISE SUBJECT OF CUTOFF OF US MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. CYPRUS WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE RAISED BY SG. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO TOPERI, SG IS PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS, WHICH HE FONDLY REFERS TO AS THE "BUYULKNEN PLAN" BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST FORMULATED WHILE HE WAS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.)

2. ALL OF ABOVE TOPICS ARE SUBJECT TO ELABORATION BY SG AS RESULT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN TEHRAN AND ISLAMABAD. IN THE FEW DAYS SG IS IN ANKARA BEFORE DEPARTING FOR WASHINGTON, EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ATTEMPT TO GET FINAL VERSION OF TOPICS IN WHICH SG INTERESTED. REPORTING ON SG'S SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN TEHRAN AND ISLAMABAD WOULD BE USEFUL.

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